



SAN FRANCISCO TOWERS
RESIDENTS' COUNCIL

President Christina Olague
San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

June 17, 2011

Dear President Olague and Members of the Planning Commission:

San Francisco Towers is a retirement community of 300 residents. We are located on Pine Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

As President of the San Francisco Towers Residents' Council, I write to express our support of California Pacific Medical Center's plan to build an earthquake-safe hospital on their site at Van Ness Avenue and Geary Street—also our neighborhood.

As senior citizens, our residents are major users of medical services. Those services and the physicians at CPMC on Buchanan Street are very important to us. As the hospital will no longer be able to operate at that site by 2015, we are anxious that the new hospital be built.

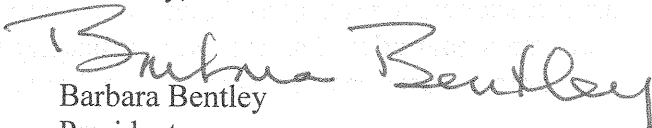
In addition, the delays in getting approvals for the project are having a detrimental effect on the rest of the neighborhood—stores are boarded up, unwilling to open; commercial buildings, such as the Galaxy Theater, have delayed proceeding with their plans until a decision on the hospital is made.

This has led to a rundown neighborhood that makes our residents feel both uncomfortable and unsafe.

On behalf of our residents, I urge you to expedite the approval process and let CPMC proceed to build the hospital we so urgently need.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Barbara Bentley
President

Cc: Mayor Edwin Lee
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